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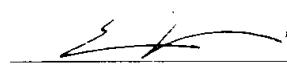
PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 27, 2001, Applicants wish to shift the previous election to the claims as amended.

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